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12. (Four Times Amended) A computer program product embodied on computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform the following steps:

identify a unique serial number associated with an electronic data file;

identify an amount of a valuable commodity represented by said electronic data file;

identify a date associated with said electronic data file, said date indicating the date when said electronic data file was created;

verify a digital signature for authenticating said electronic data file.

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